

**Town of Arlington  
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 4/24/07, 7:15 to 10:00 PM, Town Hall Annex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener

**Members and Associates Present:** John Bean, Joe Cahill, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jeff Maxtutis, Erik Moore, Howard Muise, Chuck Pappas, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener.

1. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
2. Administration.

Ed introduced John Bean, new Director of Public Works, and the newest member of the TAC.

March minutes approved unanimously.

Outstanding Voted Actions

- Overgrown brush at Thorndike Field—John Bean will take a look.
- Library Way—John will look at it.

3. Crosswalks on Warren. Sylvie Durand, of 141 Warren St., was present for the discussion, and had done some counts of crossing pedestrians at Warren and Franklin Streets between 6:30 and 7:30 am weekdays. She reported that it was very chaotic, with a lot of students both walking and driving. There were 30 peds. crossing during that hour. She requested a crosswalk be put in at that intersection. Rawson Road had 19 pedestrian crossings during the peak hour. The Crosswalks Working Group will prepare a recommendation for next meeting.
4. Speeding on Westminster Ave. Sue Doctrow, of 99 Westminster, and Ralph Elwell, of 21 Montague Street, were present for discussion. Following a fatal crash on Westminster, some TAC members met to develop a list of options to address the issues of speeding and road geometry, in preparation for a meeting with the neighborhood residents. Although improvements can be made, it is probable that none would have prevented the high speed crash. (TAC discussed options at length. Follow up at next meeting.
5. New development proposed for Edgehill Road. A letter was received from an abutter on Edgehill to a proposed subdivision. TAC determined that this is not within a school zone, and therefore not within TAC's jurisdiction.
6. 2007 Thermoplastic Crosswalks List. Group reviewed priorities with John Bean, the new DPW Director.
7. George Street Eminent Domain Warrant Article. The Town hopes to get land donated by abutters to make a sidewalk on this private portion of George Street, abutting the Dallin School. Jeff reported that he has spoken with abutters, and three of four are favorable. The Finance Committee has also ruled favorably on the warrant article, if the land is donated and the project doable within existing budgets.
8. Mass. Ave. Corridor Phase 1. Waiting for approval of contract with FST from Mass Highway. Hope to get started as soon as all contract issues are resolved.

Symmes Hospital Redevelopment. Subcommittee plus Erik met to review plans in relation to TAC recommendations.

9. Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package:

Agenda, 4/24/07, Active/Planned TAC Projects (4/24/07), Minor Project Rotation List (4/24/07), Outstanding Voted Actions, 4/24/07, Memo from Sheriff Purinton, Jayme, to Mr Sullivan et. al, Letter from Janice Santonelli to Board of Selectmen dated December 26, 2006, re. Appleton Place, Memo from Lieutenant James McHugh to Chief Frederick Ryan dated November 13, 2006, re. Appleton Place Request for One Way and No Parking Sign, and Parking/Transportation Articles in 2007 Town Meeting Warrant.

Thermoplastic List—Draft April 24, 2007

Data obtained from Treasurer's Office re. Parking Tickets—4/24/07

Massachusetts Highway Department Section 7G Official Standards for School Zones (excerpt)

Potential Options for Speeding on Westminster Ave, dated 4/22/2007

Minutes of 3/27/07 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting